



comprising:

first, cooking raw cane sugar to form a homogeneous mass;

second, shaping said mass into a product stream;

third, dividing the product stream into sub-units of pre-selected size;

fourth, forming a sub-unit into a sweetener utensil; and

fifth, packaging the sweetener utensil in an atmosphere of reduced oxygen content.

[c10] 10. The method of Claim 9, wherein said step of dividing the product stream into sub-units of pre-selected size comprises:

forming the product stream into sub-units containing a quantity of raw cane sugar equivalent in sweetness to refined sugar of no more than two teaspoons (10 ml) in volume.

[c11] 11. The method of Claim 9, wherein said step of forming a sub-unit into a sweetener utensil comprises:  
forming an immersion end and a handle end, wherein the handle end is no more than one-half the width of the immersion end, and the immersion end and handle end are of equal thickness.

[c12] 12. The method of Claim 9, wherein said packaging step comprises:  
packaging the sweetener utensil in a contained atmosphere of reduced oxygen content relative to atmosphere.